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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND  
INTERFERENCES**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's April 18, 2006 Office Action finally rejecting the claims in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$250.00 for filing this appeal is enclosed herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.191(d) and 1.17(b) for a small entity.

The USPTO is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Customer No. 35437, Reference No. 27353-501 UTIL. A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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